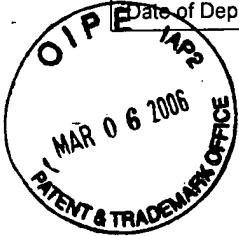


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Dear Sir:

In response to the final Office action mailed November 2, 2004 and the Examiner's Answer mailed January 5, 2006, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the appeal and request continued examination in light of the following remarks.

A listing of the Claims begins on page 2 of this paper.

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